

# **Covert Affiliate Links Installation Guide**

The Covert Affiliate Links software installation process:

- 1. Create a MySQL Database
- 2. Upload the scripts to your server
- 3. Set permission on config.php
- 4. Run install.php in your browser

This guide will walk you through each step using screen shots and examples to help you get set up quickly.

If you need someone to install your software, go here: <u>http://covertaffiliatelinks.com/install.htm</u>.

## Step #1: Create a MySQL Database

Depending on your web host, you may be able to create a database from a web-based control panel such as Cpanel or Plesk. If you can't, you'll need to submit a support ticket to your hosting company requesting that they create a database for you.

Either way, you will need the following information, to complete the software installation. These are only examples of values you could use to connect to your database.

Database name: covert\_db Database username: covert\_user Database password: 9j4u7t Database host: localhost



### Step #2: Upload the Scripts to Your Server

The graphic below shows the directory structure inside the Covert Affiliate Links ZIP file (covertlinks.zip).



Upload all files above (except the PDF guides) and the entire "covert" directory to the main directory on your server.

Note: if you can not see the .htaccess file, your computer is set to hide these types of files. For this reason, I have also included a file named htaccess.txt. You can upload htaccess.txt to your server and then change the name to .htaccess.

#### Step #3: Set Permissions on config.php

Navigate to the "covert" folder and set permissions on the file config.php to 777. You can usually right-click on the file in your FTP program and select Properties or CHMODD to display the permissions dialog box (see graphic below).

Note: you may also need to set permissions on the /covert folder to CHMOD 777.

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## Step #4: Run install.php in Your Browser

Type http://yourdomain.com/covert/install.php into your browser's address bar. You will see the installation form illustrated in the graphic below.

Enter your name and email and select the username and password you will use to log into your software.

Next, enter the database information from step #1, select a virtual directory name (this can be changed later), and click Install.

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Notes: if there are missing fields, you will receive a JavaScript error prompt. If the database information is incorrect, you will see a red bar at the top indicating the error.

If everything goes well, you will see a success page with a button to log into the software.

Installation Complete!
Click Here to Log In >>
Contact Support
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Important: after you install the software, you need to delete the file install.php. If you (or someone else) runs that script again, it will destroy your database tables and create new ones.

#### **Installation Questions**

Q. Why can't I see the .htaccess file?A. Your computer is set to hide these types of files. Use the htacces.txt file as explained in step #2.

Q. What if there is already a .htaccess file?A. Add the contents of the Covert Links .htaccess file to the existing .htaccess file.

Q. Can I rename the "covert" directory?

A. Yes, but you will have to modify the path to functions.php in the "virtual directory" PHP scripts (recommends, endorses, presents, introduces, and likes).

Good Luck! And remember, if you need someone to install your software, go here: <u>http://covertaffiliatelinks.com/install.htm</u>.

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